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2099

IT WAS MOST CHIVALROUS OF YOU, SPIDER-MAN, TO TELL KASEY NASH TO RUN AWAY WHILE YOU "HANDLED" THE SITUATION.
CHIVALRY NOWADAYS IS AS DECEASED AS HONOR.
THIS ONE APPRECIATES YOUR ATTITUDE, AND PROMISES THAT, ONCE YOU'VE BEEN UNMASKED...
...YOUR DEATH WILL BE AS PAINLESS AS POSSIBLE.
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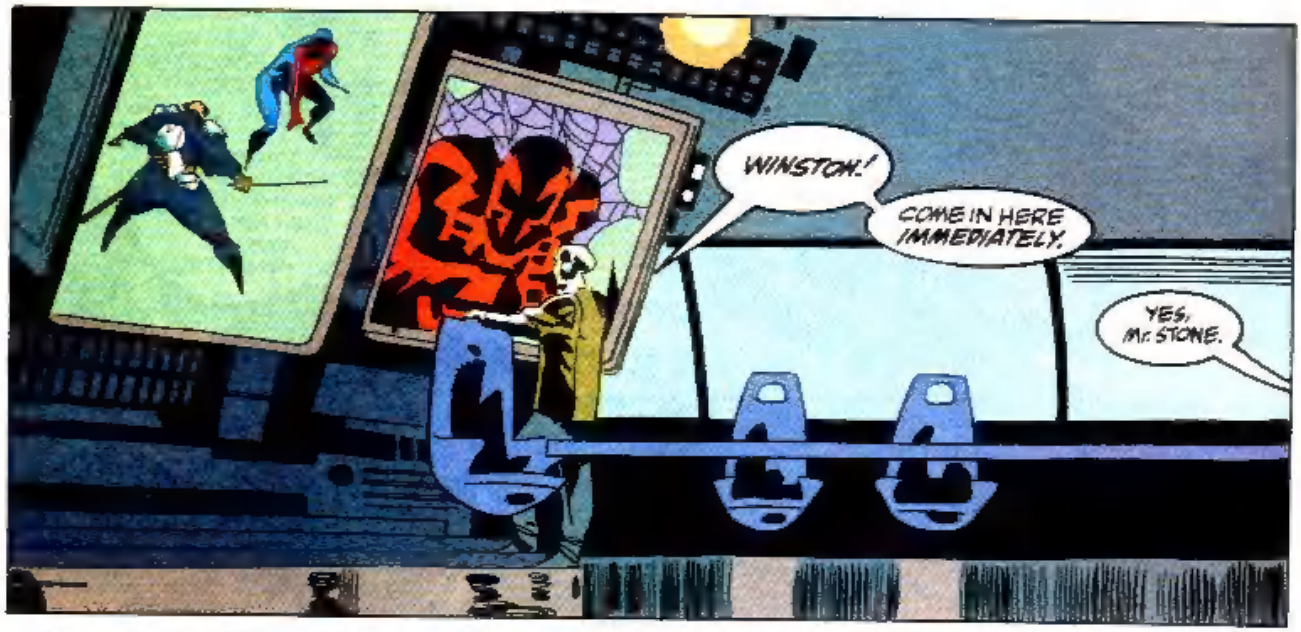
STRUGGLE IF YOU WISH. YOU...
EH?
YOUR MASK... ADHERING TO YOU?
NOT JUST ADHERING.
WEBBED!
AARRRHHH!
THAT WAS A GRAVE MISTAKE.


WINSTON!
COME IN HERE IMMEDIATELY.
YES, Mr. STONE.

INTERRUPT ALL SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING ON THE PUBLIC EYE, AND DIRECT FEED THIS ENCOUNTER INSTEAD.
I WANT EVERY ACCESS MONITOR IN THE CITY TUNED IN.

I'LL NEED CLEARANCE, SIR.
ARE YOU RECORDING?
YES, SIR.
THIS IS TYLER STONE. I GIVE FULL AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERRUPTION OF PUBLIC EYE FEED. PROGRAM AS INSTRUCTED.

GOT IT, SIR. I'LL HAVE YOU FULL FEED IN THIRTY SECONDS.
EXCELLENT. THEN I WANT YOU TO ALERT THE P.E. CORPS.

THEY'RE TO CONVERGE AND APPREHEND SPIDER-MAN?
JUST MAKE SURE HE FINISHES THE FIGHT. DON'T LET HIM LEAVE.
I HAVEN'T ARRANGED ALL THIS MERELY TO TURN HIM INTO ANOTHER PRISONER.
CONVERGE, YES. APPREHEND, NO.
"NOT WHEN HE CAN BE SO MUCH MORE."
FWIZZZ
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS KEEP OUT OF THE SPECIALIST'S RANGE LONG ENOUGH FOR KASEY TO LOSE HERSELF.
HE'S STRONG, FAST, AND LETHAL... BUT HE'S NO TRACKER LIKE VENTURE. I CAN DITCH HIM.
GABRIEL, YOU OWE ME BIG TIME FOR BAILING OUT YOUR GIRLFRIEND LIKE THIS.

CAN'T SEE WHAT'S GOING ON THERE..
BUT IT DON'T MATTER. I'M GONE. FOR ONCE IN MY LIFE, I'M GOING TO LISTEN TO WHAT SOMEONE TELLS ME TO...
...DO?
FLYBOYS!
AND... THEY DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE ME. OR CARE.
THEY'RE AFTER HIM. SPIDER-MAN.
IT'S A SET-UP! GOTTA BE.
BUT IT'S... IT'S NOT MY PROBLEM. HE TOLD ME TO SCARF, AND I'M...
...I'M... I'M SO CONCERNED ABOUT MY OWN SKIN... THAT I'M LEAVIN' HIM IN THE LURCH.
AW, SHUCK IT.

KEESAMA!
SHEENAY!
MY JAPANESE DOESN'T GO MUCH PAST "WHERE'S THE BATHROOM?" BUT AS A GUESS...
...I'D SAY HE'S REAL UNHAPPY.
I WONDER...
...IF, BY ANY CHANCE, HE'S SOMEHOW CONNECTED WITH STARK-FUJIKAWA.
IT'D MAKE SENSE... A MAJOR RETRO ASIAN FIRM LIKE THEM MIGHT HAVE A NUT LIKE THIS ON THEIR PAYROLL.
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EVEN SO... THE SPIDER-MAN IS MAKING A FOOL OF HIM.
THAT'S A VERY HARSH ASSESSMENT. I DO NOT SEE--
THEN, WITH RESPECT, YOU ARE NOT LOOKING.
HIRARU-SAMA... CERTAINLY YOU SEE THAT THE SPIDER-MAN CLEARLY HAS THE UPPER HAND. HE EMBARRASSES US! WE MUST HELP THE SPECIALIST.
THE SPECIALIST HAS NOT FAILED US BEFORE! THE ONLY EMBARRASSMENT IS YOUR LACK OF FAITH!
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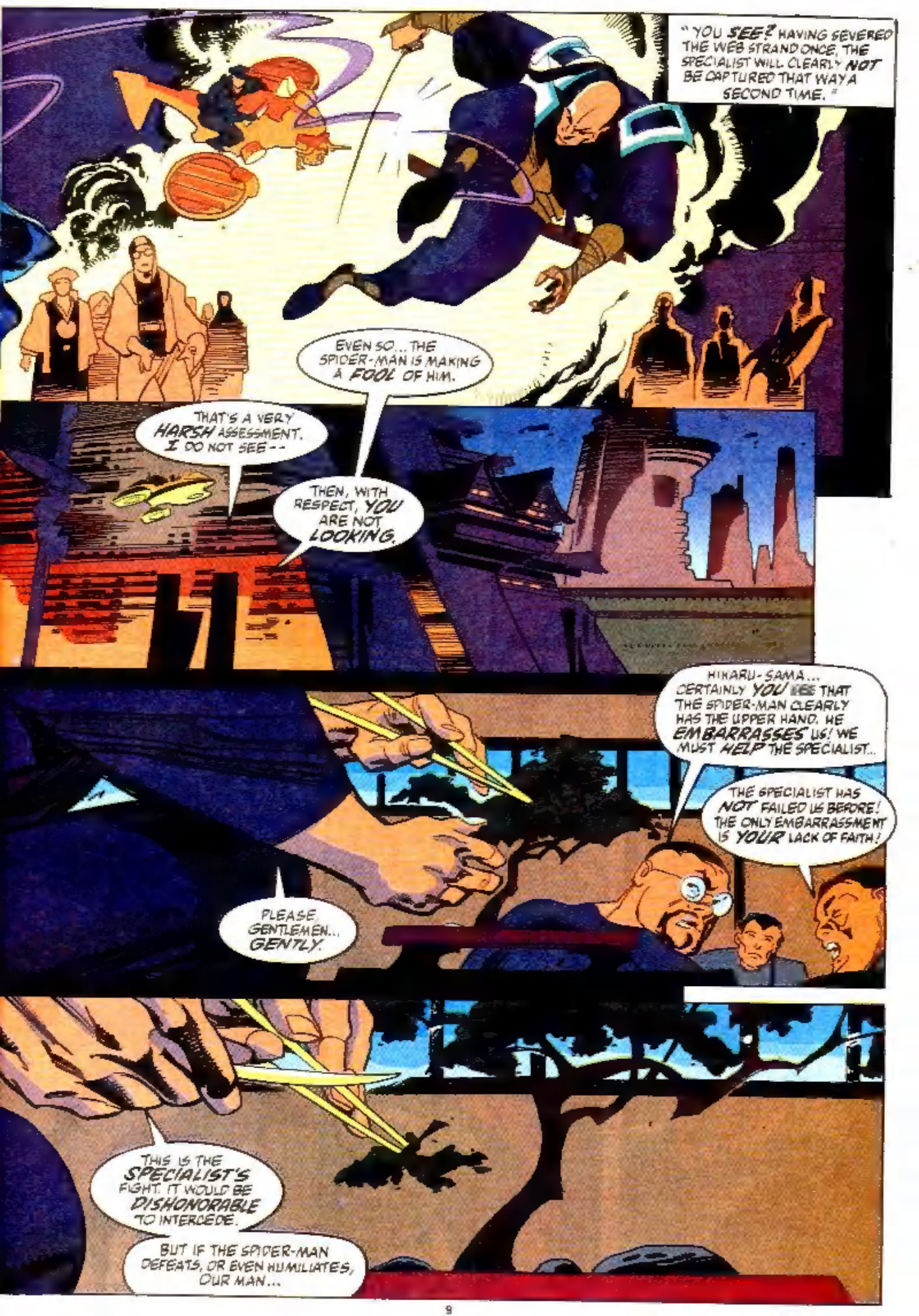
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"... THEN HIS MOMENTARY TRIUMPH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY HIS DESTRUCTION."
FLYBOYS! ALL AROUND!
MY ESCAPE ROUTE'S CUT OFF--
WHOA!
EASY, MIGGY!
ONE CRISIS AT A TIME!
CHIKUSHOW!
GESUNDHEIT.

KASEY'S GOTTA BE LONG GONE BY NOW.
HAVE TO DITCH THIS GUY...
...AND TAKE MY CHANCES WITH THE FLYBOYS.
I DON'T NEED TO BEAT HIM...
SWOOP
JUST GET OUT OF HERE IN ONE PIECE.
ARRHHH!!
UHHH!!
HANG BACK IN CASE HE SLIPS BY US, ESTEY.
DON'T SHELTER ME, SARGE! I WANT A PIECE OF THAT CREEP!
I SAID HANG BACK! THAT'S AN ORDER!
BESIDES, HE ALREADY HURT YOU ONCE, ESTEY.
IF HE NAILS YOU AGAIN, THE CAPTAIN'S GONNA HAVE MY HEAD.
SO STAY PUT!

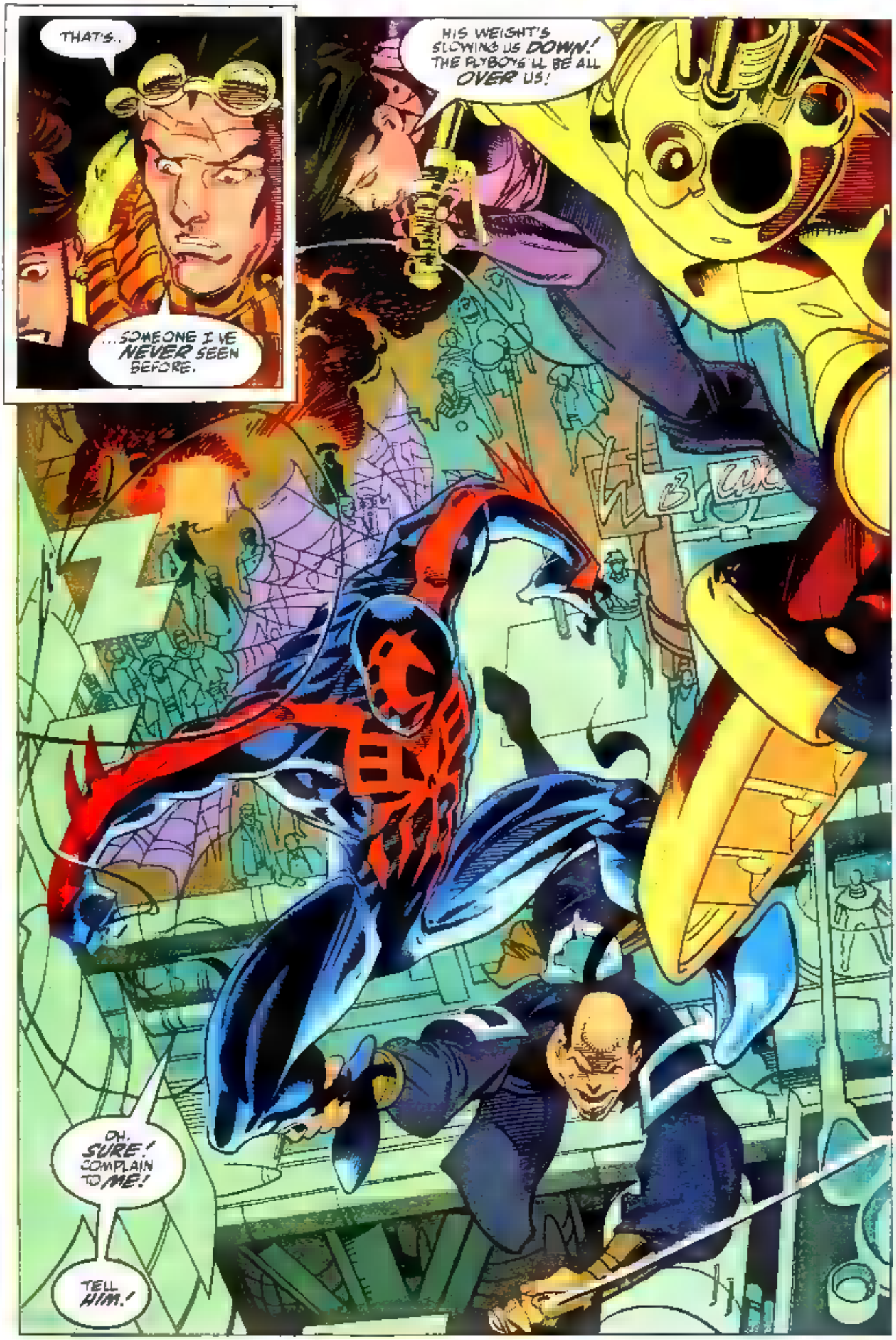
HMM.M.
GIVE ME...OH...FIVE MORE HORSES IN GRID 29A...WITH ONE HORSE A METER IN FRONT OF THE OTHERS TO SERVE AS LEADER.
DROP THE WOMEN WATCHING ON 42N. THEY'RE DISTRACTING.
NO, WAIT. MOVE THE WOMEN TO 30B. HAVE THEM WAVE.
GOOD. THAT WAY WE FIRST SEE THEM AFTER THE BRAVES MOVE OFF. HEART TUGGING.
OKAY. RUN THE WHOLE THING BACK TO 0047, SO I CAN--
DZZZT
SAVE VR SCENE 105.
AW MAN. LET IT BE KASEY.
OH. DANA. HI.
GABE. WE NEED TO TALK.
SURE. C'MON IN.

DID I DISTURB YOU, GABE?
NAH. WORKING ON A COMMISSION FOR A SCHOOL PROGRAM. JUST WORK-FOR-HIRE, BUT IT PAYS BILLS.
WHAT'S UP?
IT'S MIGUEL. I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM.
HE'S NEVER HOME. HE DOESN'T ANSWER MY CALLS. SOMETHING'S GOING ON!
LOOK, DANA, I'D GIVE HIM SOME SPACE. I MEAN...
AW, WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME THIS? EVER SINCE YOU GUYS GOT TOGETHER I'VE SAID IT WAS A MISTAKE.
MIGGY'S MY BROTHER AND EVERYTHING, BUT HE'S NEVER GONNA CHANGE.
THE ONLY REASON YOU TWO HAVE LASTED THIS LONG IS 'CAUSE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE AROUND WHO LOVES MIGUEL EVEN MORE THAN MIGUEL DOES. I...
GABE... YOU AND I HAD A GOOD THING ONCE. REMEMBER?
STANDBY
SO DON'T LET IT POISON YOUR RELATIONSHIP NOW WITH MIGUEL AND ME. OKAY?
OKAY, DANA.
SPECIAL PRESENTAT
BUT REALLY, DON'T WORRY. IF ANYONE CAN HANDLE HIMSELF. IT'S...
MIGUEL?

YOU SEE? THE SPECIALIST CLEARLY NOW HAS THE UPPER HAND.
I HUMBLY APOLOGIZE FOR MY LACK OF FAITH.
APOLOGY MOST GRATE-FULLY ACCEPTED.
I'D BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU SCUMS WOULD GET OUT OF MY WAY!
STICK T, LADY. I'M NOT GOIN' NO WHERES.
FINE, I GOT A BETTER IDEA.
BEND OVER!
UNNFFFFFF!
PERFECT.
THAT'S IT, FLYBOY. HOVER A LITTLE LOWER...
HEY!
WATCH IT!

I'M MISSING ALL THE FU--
HEY!!
SHOULD'VE BELTED ON, STUD.
LEAST YOU HAD SOME "FUN," THO'.
THIS REALLY BITES. JUST BECAUSE SPIDER-MAN CUT ME UP ONCE. AND JUST BECAUSE OF WHO MY FATHER IS. THEY'RE KEEPING ME AWAY FROM THE ACTION.
ONLY GONNA GET ONE SHOT AT THIS, WHILE THE FLYBOYS ARE WATCHING THE FIGHT.
ONCE THEY GLOM ME, I'LL HAVE TO HIGH-TAIL IT.
SPIDER-MAN! LET'S BLOW!!
WHO THE SHOCK'S ON THAT CYCLE?! HALT!

GOTTA GO, MY RIDE'S HERE.
PLEEEEASE DON'T LET ME MISS.
BEAUTIFUL! BEAUTIFUL!!
OH NO YOU DON'T!
THIS ONE WILL NOT BE DISHONORED BY ALLOWING YOU THIS COWARDLY RETREAT!
EXCELLENT.
THAT'S THAT SPIDER-MAN EVERYONE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT!
AND WHO'S THAT DERANGED WOMAN ON THE FLYBIKE HELPING HIM?
THAT'S...!


THAT'S..
...SOMEONE I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE.
HIS WEIGHT'S SLOWING US DOWN! THE FLYBOY'LL BE ALL OVER US!
OH, SURE! COMPLAIN TO ME!
TELL HIM!

EETAY!
THOSE TALONS IN YOUR FEET ARE MOST VICIOUS. THIS ONE ADMITS..
BUT YOU LACK THE VICIOUSNESS OF NATURE TO TRULY WIELD YOUR WEAPONS EFFECTIVELY.
YOU HAVE NO KILLER INSTINCT...
AND THAT WILL BE YOUR DOWN-FALL!
ALL RIGHT, I THINK I SHOULD WARN YOU...
I KNOW KUNG FU...
..KARATE..
...AND SEVERAL OTHER DANGEROUS WORDS.

HEEYAAAAHH!
EEETAY!
DON'T... MAKE ME DO THIS.
AS THIS ONE SAID!
NO KILLER INSTINCT!
NO FLY ZONE
AAAAAAHHH SHOCK!

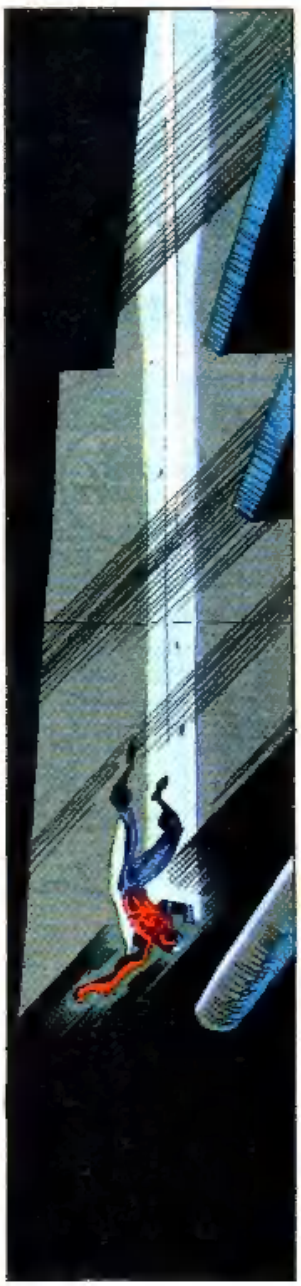
SPIDER-MAN!
BRACE YOURSELF!!
Eh?
FWIZZ

HEY, SPECIALIST! GUESS WHAT?
MY LACK OF "KILLER INSTINCT" YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...
...IS THE ONLY THING KEEPING YOU FROM BECOMING A BLOODY PULP ON THE WALKWAYS.

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT?
UNFFF!
THIS ONE THINKS, AS EVER...
...THAT IT WILL BE THE DEATH OF YOU.
YOU...
CREEP!!
KHCCHHH...
GOOD LORD!
HE... HE SLIT HIS THROAT!
PERFECT.

ALL RIGHT, SPIDER-MAN! THIS IS THE END.!
I... I DIDN'T MEAN TO...
WHY CAN'T YOU ALL JUST LEAVE ME THE SHOCK ALONE?!
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF! I'M SERGEANT ESTEVEZ.
YOU SLICED UP MY SON A FEW DAYS AGO.
PUBLIC EYE! READY! AIM.!!
NO! YOU IDIOTS! DON'T HURT HIM!
THAT'S A DIRECT ORD--!
FIRE!!

ARRRGHHHH
NOOOOOO



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DOWNTOWN!

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OUT OF MY HEAD

Looks like we've shot to the top of everybody's must-read list! I'm more interested in hearing what *you* have to say rather than talking myself, so. . .

Dear *Arachnophiliacs,*

I love this book! Do I get the gist that the Marvel 2099 titles are going to be inter-related? The mention of Tiger Wylde in SPIDER-MAN 2099 #2 and in the coming attractions for DOOM 2099 #1 would seem to support that. Will we see any 2099 versions of Spider-Man's villains, like Venom, the Green Goblin/Hobgoblin, or Vermin? These ideas could be interesting, though I know you guys would do it in such a way that it wouldn't look like you're just throwing the present into the future. Even if you don't use these, you've still got great potential in this new guy, Venture! Could we get some background on him? He's someone you wouldn't want to run into in a brightly lit alley!

Will Miguel meet up with PUNISHER 2099 anytime soon? I don't know much about this new Punisher yet, but you know the present-day versions of Spider-Man and the Punisher mixed it up a few times. Is Miguel clean of the Rapture Stone put in his drink? Is Thor really coming back, or is that Thorite just a 2099 Moonie?

You asked for suggestions for a new 2099 title at the end of SPIDER-MAN 2099 #2. It seems that what we have so far in 2099 are three heroes and one question mark. We won't know for a while if this new Doom is a villain or not, so as far as suggestions for a new title based on an old hero character, I nominate Daredevil. Read the last few pages of WHAT IF...? #2, "What If Daredevil Killed the Kingpin?," where we have a person using micro-circuitry to simulate the abilities of Daredevil. Miguel already possesses some of those abilities, but not in the same way a 2099 Daredevil would. Otherwise, if you can come up with a hero as good as Ravage, go with that instead!

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Miguel is free of the Rapture, but the "cure" gave him his spider-abilities! We're concentrating on new villains, but we've got a real surprise up our collective sleeve! The 2099 books sure are inter-related, and will be more so in the months ahead! You're not the only one who asked about Thor. . .

Dear *Arachnophilia,*

After reading SPIDER-MAN 2099 #'s 1-3, I've never looked forward to a comic so much. But I did have some doubts about Venture. I thought he was only going to be in the first issue, but what the shock do I know. More new villains? I can't wait!

Will we be seeing any mutroids or Thor? Will you be touching on Miguel's personal life anymore? I'm not really sure, but is Stone the head of Alchemax? If not, who is?

I think you need to have some kind of team-up in Marvel 2099. By the way, the covers are the best I've seen in years!

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A Venture re-match? Let's put it to a vote. Miguel's as much fun to watch as Spidey, so look forward to lots of that! Tyler Stone doesn't run Alchemax. He's about on the same level as Anderthorp Henton in RAVAGE 2099 and the Fearmaster in THE PUNISHER 2099. Who's above 'em? Hey, why should we give it all away?

Dear *Arachnophilia,*

Big kudos to the SPIDER-MAN 2099 crew! No title has ever shaken me up enough to write and give appreciations! This one did just that! Miguel O'Hara (great name) is one of the most original characters in all of Marveldom. What a true hero. Great, intense development of his evolution into Spider-Man and his realization of what he's capable of. His abilities are a far cry from Peter Parker's — which is fine by me! Retractable talons, body fluid forearm spinnerets, the light byte flight cloth, very cool (But I'm glad the same ol' web-head is still there!). Alchemax and Tyler Stone are part of an evil, cold, manipulative society and it should be interesting to see how our hero fits in. Is Stone a long, lost descendant of J. Jonah Jameson? Joke.

I can't wait to see more of this title. Incredible writing, creative artwork, excellent storylines, SPIDER-MAN 2099 is everything I want. Thanks.

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Delineating Marvel's future is a harder job than anyone could have bargained for, Rick, so we always appreciate it when a fan takes time to write! We read it all!

Dear *Arachnophilia,*

I'm amazed at the awesome work you're doing on SPIDEY 2099! I agree with that letter in the third issue. It'd be wimpy and unoriginal if the character was a descendant from Parker. Anyway, how would he be able to shoot webs?

The Thorites were hilarious. I couldn't believe it when Venture killed one. This is picky — but when are you going to decide on regular corner box art?

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We haven't settled on a consistent corner box 'cause it gives us a lot more freedom on our covers, Jack. That's why we had Rick do a bunch of 'em!

NEXT ISSUE: Spidey heads "Downtown," and not to the mall, either!

MORE OF MARVEL 2099

RAVAGE 2099 #4 Our hero is one man alone against the malevolent mutroids of Hellrock! Can he survive? Wait till you see the smash finish!

THE PUNISHER 2099 #2 Thrillkiller Kron Stone is the son of Tyler Stone, Miguel O'Hara's boss. Think that'll protect him from Jake Gallows, the 21st century Punisher? Yeah, right.

DOOM 2099 #3 The roar of Tiger Wylde is heard throughout Latveria in our most remarkable issue yet! Nothing will prepare you for the sight of Wire cybersurfing "Unto the Breach!" Oh yeah, Doom shows up, too!